

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been amended, claims 2, 5 and 6 have been canceled and claims 7-15 have been added as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A thermoset optical-purpose adhesive comprising a mixed adhesive which is mainly composed of a primary agent and a curing agent, and ~~is characterized by having~~ has a visible-ray transmittance of 90% or more after heat curing under conditions of a layer thickness that is enough for the adhesive to function as an adhesive;

characterized in that:

the primary agent comprises a main component constituted of a silane modified epoxy resin whose active-radical moieties other than epoxy radicals have been inactivated in part or in entirety by the aid of a metallic soap and to at least one epoxy radical of which a silane coupling agent has been attached; and

the curing agent comprises a main component constituted of an amine type compound or an amide type compound.

Claim 2 (canceled):

Claim 3 (currently amended): The thermoset optical-purpose adhesive according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein said amine type compound or amide type compound constituting the main component of said curing agent has been made into a latent amine addition product upon reaction with the epoxy resin.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The thermoset optical-purpose adhesive according to claim [[2 or 3]] 1, wherein the compounding proportion of said curing agent to 100 parts by weight of said primary agent epoxy resin is set within the range of from 20 parts by weight to 45 parts by weight.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (new): The thermoset optical-purpose adhesive according to claim 3, wherein the compounding proportion of said curing agent to 100 parts by weight of said primary agent epoxy resin is set within the range of from 20 parts by weight to 45 parts by weight.

Claim 8 (new): An optical isolator element constituted mainly of a Faraday rotator, and a first polarizer and a second polarizer which are respectively disposed on both sides of the Faraday rotator, wherein;

said Faraday rotator, said first polarizer and said second polarizer are joined at their interfaces by means of the thermoset optical-purpose adhesive according to claim 1.

Claim 9 (new): An optical isolator element constituted mainly of a Faraday rotator, and a first polarizer and a second polarizer which are respectively disposed on both sides of the Faraday rotator, wherein;

said Faraday rotator, said first polarizer and said second polarizer are joined at their interfaces by means of the thermoset optical-purpose adhesive according to claim 3.

Claim 10 (new): An optical isolator element constituted mainly of a Faraday rotator, and a first polarizer and a second polarizer which are respectively disposed on both sides of the Faraday rotator, wherein;

said Faraday rotator, said first polarizer and said second polarizer are joined at their interfaces by means of the thermoset optical-purpose adhesive according to claim 4.

Claim 11 (new): An optical isolator element constituted mainly of a Faraday rotator, and a first polarizer and a second polarizer which are respectively disposed on both sides of the Faraday rotator, wherein;

said Faraday rotator, said first polarizer and said second polarizer are joined at their interfaces by means of the thermoset optical-purpose adhesive according to claim 7.

Claim 12 (new): An optical isolator comprising an optical isolator element and a permanent magnet which brings into saturation magnetization a Faraday rotator of this optical isolator element; the optical isolator element and the permanent magnet being fastened to a holder; wherein;

said optical isolator element and said permanent magnet are fastened by bonding to the holder by means of the thermoset optical-purpose adhesive according to claim 1.

Claim 13 (new): An optical isolator comprising an optical isolator element and a permanent magnet which brings into saturation magnetization a Faraday rotator of this optical isolator element; the optical isolator element and the permanent magnet being fastened to a holder; wherein;

said optical isolator element and said permanent magnet are fastened by bonding to the holder by means of the thermoset optical-purpose adhesive according to claim 3.

Claim 14 (new): An optical isolator comprising an optical isolator element and a permanent magnet which brings into saturation magnetization a Faraday rotator of this optical isolator element; the optical isolator element and the permanent magnet being fastened to a holder; wherein;

said optical isolator element and said permanent magnet are fastened by bonding to the holder by means of the thermoset optical-purpose adhesive according to claim 4.

Claim 15 (new): An optical isolator comprising an optical isolator element and a permanent magnet which brings into saturation magnetization a Faraday rotator of this optical isolator element; the optical isolator element and the permanent magnet being fastened to a holder; wherein;

said optical isolator element and said permanent magnet are fastened by bonding to the holder by means of the thermoset optical-purpose adhesive according to claim 7.